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SUBJ: PETRODOW AND PETROQUIMICA CHILEAN REPORTED NORMALIZING

1. SEPT 23 "TERCERA" AND SEPT 24 "LA PRENSA" REPORT CORFO-APPOINTED PETRODOW ADMINISTRATOR AS STATING SANTIAGO POLYETHYLENE PLANT WAS BEING PREPARED FOR OPERATIONS AND THAT TALCAHUANO PVC AND POLYETHYLENE PLANTS WOULD SHORTLY BE OPERATING WITH HELP OF PREVIOUSLY-EMIGRATED CHILEAN TECHNICIANS REPORTEDLY RETURNING TO CHILE WITHIN FEW DAYS. "TERCERA" REPORTED PETRODOW TO RECEIVE ON SEPT. 24TH FIRST SHIPMENT OF RAW MATERIALS FOR RESINS NEEDED BY THE 300 COMPANIES COMPRISING CHILEAN PLASTICS INDUSTRY. ADDED THAT SOME HIGH-LEVEL DOW (U.S.) TECHNICIANS WOULD SHORTLY BE LENDING ASSISTANCE "WITHOUT CONDITIONS."

2. SAME ARTICLES REPORTED CORFO SUBSIDIARY, PETROQUIMICA CHILENA, ALSO RESUMING OPERATIONS. CAUSTIC SODA PLANT IN TALCAHUANO FUNCTIONING AND 7000 TONS THAT PRODUCT FROM WEST GERMANY JUST UNLOADED AT SAN ANTONIO, ASSURING SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.  
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